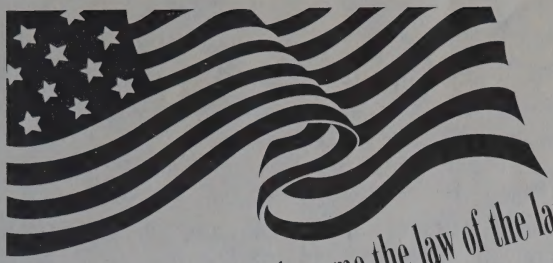

Don't let discrimination become the law of the land!

Dear Friend,

Your help is urgently needed now!

You will recall the infamous Colorado "Amendment 2," which made headlines during the past two years. Right now, some Missourians are mounting a similar initiative which seeks to prohibit all branches of state and local government from protecting lesbians, gay men and bisexuals from discrimination and violence related to sexual orientation. This group, the Amendment Coalition, is currently gathering petition signatures across the state in an effort to place this issue on the ballot in November.

If this constitutional amendment is made law, gay, lesbian and bisexual Missourians could be:

- ✓ *Fired from their jobs*
- ✓ *Denied access to housing and*
- ✓ *Denied access to public accommodations (restaurants, hotels etc.)*

... all because of their sexual orientation – and they would have *no legal recourse!* In fact, this law would overturn anti-discrimination laws which are currently in force in Kansas City, St. Louis and Columbia.

We are turning to you, our friends, to help us in our fight against this blatant attempt by the Radical Right to make discrimination the law in Missouri. ***We ask you to take a stand***

against this campaign of hate being waged against lesbian, gay and bisexual citizens in Missouri!

We face a huge challenge in responding to this ballot initiative. The statewide effort, organized under the name "Show Me Equality," is developing an effective campaign response. While we are experiencing a tremendous outpouring of volunteer support, that alone is not enough to win this battle. Professional campaign consultants need to be hired, polls conducted and informational literature prepared and distributed.

This takes money. The projected costs of this campaign are in excess of

$1.25 Million!

Show Me Equality has hired the well respected polling firm, **Melman, Lazarus & Lake**, to conduct a comprehensive statewide poll. As this letter is being written, statewide focus group sessions and polling are taking place to formulate the most effective campaign message for Missouri. The cost of the focus groups and polls is approximately *$70,000. If we hope to have any chance of defeating this initiative, it is critical that we raise this money now.*

Please send your check to **Show Me Equality** today to help us win this fight!

Thank you for your support,

Cathy Connealy
Co-Chair
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P.S. Missouri has already been visited by national representatives of the radical right! The Amendment Coalition is prepared to spend whatever it takes to spread their message of fear and discrimination. Please send your check today to make sure Missourians hear the truth!

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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"The group (Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition) which claims 250,000 members in 49 states is also backing initiatives against gay rights in Oregon and Colorado and working to defeat a proposed equal rights amendment in Iowa that Robertson wrote in a recent fundraising letter would advance "a feminist agenda...that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians."

Washington Post, September 10, 1992

Pat Robertson and his Christian Coalition were directly linked to anti-gay and lesbian campaigns in Oregon and Colorado in 1992. They are linked today to similar campaigns across the nation. ***Missouri, Montana, Michigan, Ohio, Arizona, Nevada, Washington***...the list goes on. The local organization sponsoring this un-American attempt to legalize discrimination in Missouri, the Amendment Coalition, while painting themselves as a grass-roots organization is directly tied to a nationwide network of radical right extremists who want to impose their narrow views of morality on the rest of us!

Cast your vote against discrimination in Missouri !

Send your contribution to Show Me Equality today.

"Gays and lesbians live perverted, twisted lives that feed upon the unsuspecting and the innocent, like our children."

Lou Sheldon
Chair - Traditional Values Coalition

This sounds like just another outrageous quote from the radical right doesn't it? Before dismissing this quote, understand that Lou Sheldon is but ONE of the foremost exporters of anti-gay and lesbian propaganda in this nation. He was brought to Missouri earlier in the year to assist the Amendment Coalition in its mission to legalize discrimination in our state!

We will continue to hear garbage like this flung towards our community on an escalating basis as the campaign in Missouri gathers momentum. The radical right will simply stop at nothing to distort the lives of lesbian and gay citizens throughout this country in an attempt to advance their political agenda!

SEND THE MESSAGE TO THE RADICAL RIGHT THAT DISCRIMINATION WILL NOT BECOME THE LAW OF THE LAND!

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